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## Utility Firemen Needed To Open Defense Houses

During the past week further explanation has been given in regard to the eligibility requirements for residence in the remaining defense homes in Greenbelt. It is understood that only essential war workers in Government agencies which have been classified in the first four priorities will be permitted to register for the homes.

Applications and explanatory material is being distributed through the War Housing Center, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue.

The houses, although complete, have not been turned over to the local Defense Selection Office at 7-A Southway for renting because of the lack of utility firemen to operate the heating plants in each group. Miss Harriette Tanner, in charge of the defense portion of the selection office, announced Tuesday that at that time only two of the necessary four firemen had been secured. The local maintenance office is exhausting all possibilities to obtain these men and hope to be able to have heat in the houses by next week.

There are about 400 units in this last group of new homes. All are located in the extreme northern section of Greenbelt, on Research Road, Laurel Hill Road, and on the new extensions of Hillside Road and Ridge Road. When these are filled the population of Greenbelt will include more than 1,900 families.

## Councilmen Request Better Attendance

The Greenbelt Town Council will definitely meet at 8 p. m. next Monday, November 9, in the regular council chamber in the Administration offices, the Cooperator has been informed. It did not meet last Monday.

Although the agenda of the meeting was not announced, reports by heads of the several departments will be submitted, and several matters of importance to the community will be discussed.

Councilmen and town officials have expressed hope that more citizens will attend council meetings in the future so that the attitude of the public on community matters can be more accurately gauged.

## 12-Piece Orchestra Playing for Legion

Busse Ellis and his 12-piece orchestra will play for the American Legion's Armistice Day dance tomorrow night, and a specialty number will be an added attraction.

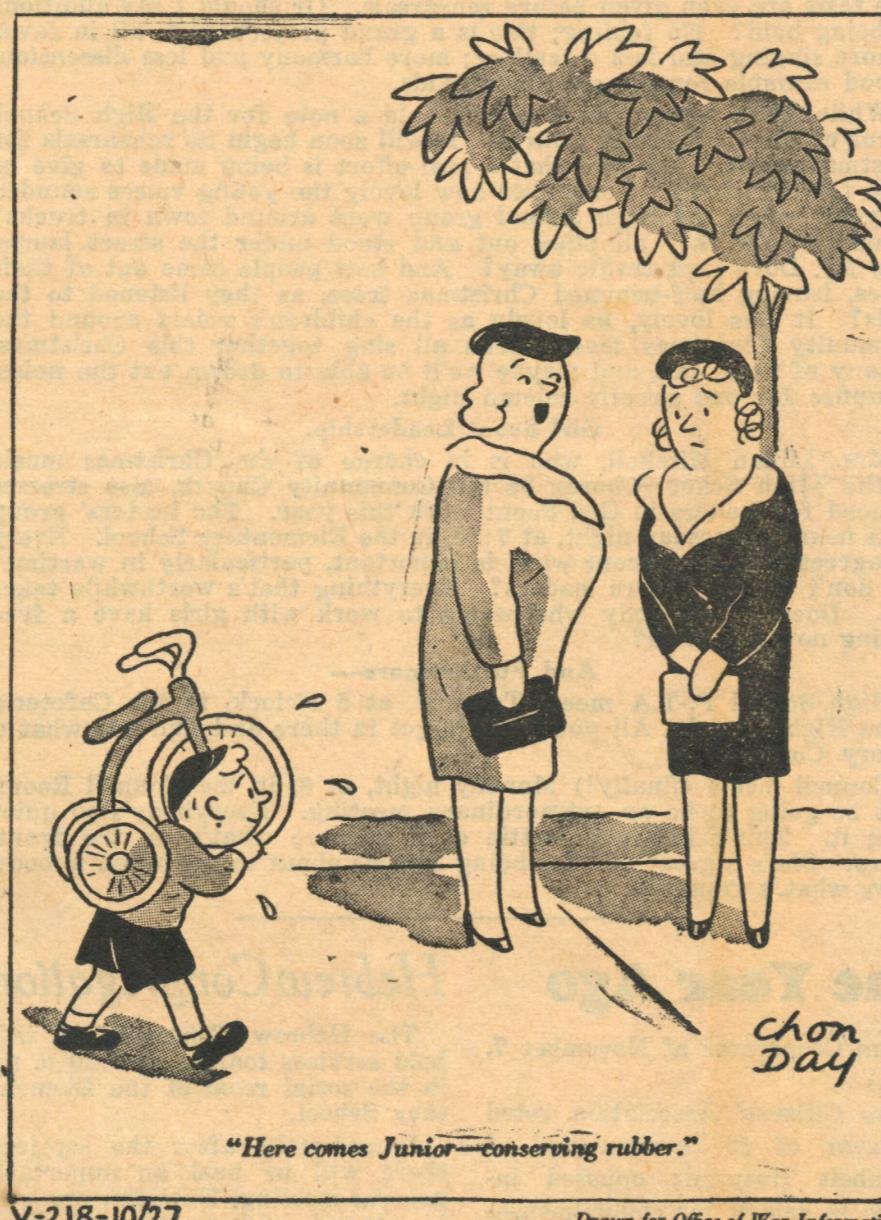
Dancing will be from 10 p. m. until 1 a. m. in the Auditorium of the Elementary School. Tickets are on sale at 55 cents per person by Greenbelt Legionnaires for this annual social event sponsored by the local post.

## Greenbelters Vote Democrat By 6 to 1

In last Tuesday's election which returned Democratic incumbent Herbert R. O'Conor to office Greenbelt went along with the rest of Maryland by a majority of 6 to 1. Out of a total of 171 votes cast, O'Conor received 136 to 24 for his Republican rival T. R. McKeldin.

All Democratic candidates were given about the same majority from this precinct, varying from 4 to 1 to 6 to 1.

Judge Thomas R. Freeman, precinct official, said that over 50 percent of the registered Greenbelt residents voted. This is well above the average for the state as a whole; some precincts having cast as few as 10 percent of registrations. Said Judge Freeman, "We are perfectly satisfied with the way the people turned out. It shows that they really wanted a precinct out here."



Drawn for Office of War Information

## 14 Auxiliary Police Served Hallowe'en Patrol Saturday

"Buddy" Attick, chief of the auxiliary policemen in Greenbelt's Civilian Defense Corps, reported that 14 auxiliary policemen were on duty last Saturday night in addition to the regular police force, in order to avert possible Halloween "trouble."

"The auxiliary police who were on duty can be proud of themselves," stated Chief Attick. "They performed an efficient job covering all positions effectively."

He reports that two groups comprising 15 men have already been fully trained in police procedure and civilian defense requirements. Auxiliary Fire Chief John Belton reports that the auxiliary firemen need more recruits and that men interested should contact him at the Fire House on Thursday evenings. Safety Director George Panagoulis reports that section wardens will in the future be equipped with hand phones which will enable them to report to the Fire House during practice or actual raids. Mr. Panagoulis also reported that a planned program for wardens is necessary in order to keep his unit interested in the vital and necessary duties they will be called upon to perform in time of emergency.

### New First-aid Class.

A new class in first aid for men started last Wednesday evening under the direction of Bill Moore. The course is the standard one and will be given every other Wednesday evening. Due to this fact, the course will involve three hours each instruction night instead of the usual two. Mr. Moore requests that all civilian defense workers who have not as yet taken the standard course report at the next meeting of class on Wednesday, November 18th, at 7:30 o'clock at the elementary school.

### New Applications Distributed.

All applications recently signed by residents indicating their willingness to do defense work have been distributed among all chiefs of staff. The chiefs will contact those men and women they need and the chances are that all who have signed applications will receive word to report for instructions and to take their oath in the near future.

There is the possibility that many who have signed applications will not be called and to those possible "disappointed" here is a hint. Many signed applications indicating willingness to do "anything" that will help. There is no way the chiefs of staff can tell just what these volunteers may want to do. Those in this

category are advised to call the Fire House, Arthur Rysticken at 2771, or Phil Wexler at 5368 and indicate more definitely in what capacity they would like to serve.

### Corps To Expand.

All defense units were told at the staff meeting held last Friday night in the council room that they will have to extend their personnel and equipment. Mr. Rysticken heard reports on the progress of all units and is expected to present a full report at the mass meeting to be held in the auditorium Monday, November 16.

Unit chiefs soon will begin training their staffs using "framed" incidents in lieu of waiting for practice official raids in order to determine possible defects in the training program of their particular units.

A complete "cascade" telephone system is being worked out which will provide almost immediate contact with defense workers in key positions when the alert sounds for a raid.

Mrs. Anna Lewis requests that all interested in joining the sewing and knitting group, doing Red Cross work, call her at home between 5 and 7 in the evening, phone 4221. Mrs. A. Hamlett requests that all women interested in rolling bandages for the Red Cross call her at home, phone 5556 between 9 and 12 a.m.

Mrs. D. J. Neff reports that the canteen service is continuing its training and that the canteen is ready and able to meet all requirements expected of it during raids. Comdr. Rysticken has asked Harry Walls, chief of property and supply, to obtain some civilian defense staff pins, and stated that all chiefs in the future will obtain their armbands and other equipment from Mr. Walls.

### Church School Chorus Plans Christmas Music

The high school chorus of the community church school, which held its organizational meeting last Thursday, will begin rehearsing immediately for the music which it will present on the Christmas program planned for December 20.

Along with the special Christmas music the group will also learn spirituals, semi-classic numbers, popular tunes, and any other types of songs which the group will enjoy singing. Mrs. Lillian Mitchell will be in charge of the Christmas presentation, and has expressed the hope that this group will become a permanent organization of the church school.

## P.T.A. To Discuss Victory Corps For High School

Plans for establishing a Victory Corps in the Greenbelt High School will be discussed at the meeting of the Greenbelt High School Parent-Teacher Association scheduled for Tuesday evening, November 10, at 8 p. m. in the cafeteria of the High School.

"It is the duty of the high schools of the country to prepare youth for war production and essential community service," stated Principal C. Paul Barnhart in explaining that the Victory Corps is a unit by which the high schools are adapting themselves to the war effort according to their ability. All phases of the new organization, which is sponsored by the Office of Education, the Civil Aeronautics Authority, and the War and Navy Departments will be discussed.

Other important business of the P.T.A. will be transacted. Principal Barnhart urges that every pupil be represented by at least one member of his family and invites both parents to attend.

## Residents Combine Fun and Learning

Education and entertainment were served up together for 125 residents who attended Monday night's Citizens Association.

Using two huge charts prepared by Stanley Ostler, president of the Association, Assistant Community Manager Arthur Rysticken explained in detail the organization of Greenbelt's government and its management. He took special care to make clear the relationship between the Federal Government as a landlord and the municipal government created and maintained by the residents here.

The entertainment for the evening included, besides group singing, card playing and other games as part of social hour.

Final figures on the Russian Relief dance held a month ago showed \$53 turned over to that fund. A surplus of about \$40 was announced as the tentative report on the Association's Hallowe'en dance.

### Woman's Club Announces Officers and Committees

A complete list of officers and committee personnel of the Woman's Club, including changes made recently has been released for publication.

Club officers for the year are as follows: President, Mrs. Leon G. Benefield; vice president, Mrs. C. Paul Barnhart; recording secretary, Mrs. Elmer J. Nagle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. Hartford Downs; treasurer, Mrs. George E. Clark; director, Mrs. Roy S. Braden.

Department and division chairmen have been announced as follows: American home, Mrs. Samuel L. Houlton; education, Mrs. S. Hartford Downs; fine arts, Mrs. Daniel J. Neff; library, Mrs. Graden Harris; welfare, Mrs. Linden S. Dodson; American citizenship, Mrs. George E. Clark; war service, Mrs. Joseph Rogers.

Standing committee chairmen are: Gardens, Mrs. Leon G. Benefield; hospitality, Mrs. Thomas R. Freeman; membership, Mrs. Guy Andrus; parliamentarian, Mrs. C. Paul Barnhart; program, Mrs. Roy S. Braden; publicity and press, Mrs. Orville M. Slye; transportation, Mrs. James W. McCarl; ways and means, Mrs. Robert C. Porter.

### Singing Chorus Practice Is Monday, Wednesday

The new Greenbelt Singing Chorus will meet each Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 in the auditorium of the elementary school.

Under the supervision of the town's recreation department any boy or girl from the fourth grade through high school is eligible. Voice tests will be given to any one wishing to become a member, prior to rehearsals.

## School Children Purchase \$503.65 In Bonds, Stamps

In 21 school days from October 1 to 30 the boys and girls of the Greenbelt Elementary School purchased \$503.65 worth of war bonds and stamps.

Eleven bonds with purchase prices totalling \$206.25 were bought for cash, the remaining \$297.40 represents purchases of stamps.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Genevieve Gerrets, Group III has charge of the sale of war bonds and stamps. Each morning at 9 o'clock the bonds and stamps wanted for purchase by each room are secured by a representative of that room. The pupils in Group III keep a chart showing the amount of sales. Each Friday the daily sales are totalled and a record of the sales for the week is sent to each teacher.

Mrs. Catherine T. Reed, school principal, explained that in the purchase program "these children are not only doing something we should all be doing—buying war bonds and stamps, but also have before them a daily lesson in arithmetic and bookkeeping."

The October sales are not expected to stand as any kind of a record, since the purchases continue on a duration basis.

## Free Movies Given For Bond Purchasers

Free admission to the Greenbelt Theater is now being offered to every person purchasing a bond in the lobby, Manager Jack Fruchtmann announced this week.

"This is being done to stimulate our war bond and stamp sales," he explained after noting that purchases had dropped off in the last several weeks. The free admission will be given to the purchaser of any denomination bond.

Free admission is being considered by Manager Fruchtmann for scrap in the near future, but the details of the plan are not worked out yet.

## Girl Scout Leader Speaking Wednesday

Mrs. Florence Sherman, director of Girl Scouts in Prince Georges County will be the principal speaker at the local Leader's Association monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 11. All troop leaders, assistant leaders, troop committee members, parents and prospective leaders are invited. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. at the Elementary School.

Mrs. Sherman is making this trip to Greenbelt to help plan the winter program for the local troops.

Mrs. Lillian Mitchell, local scout leader, hopes that all girls who have recently graduated from high school and who have some spare time, will come to the meeting and plan to be assistant troop leaders.

She said, "There is a great need for leaders this age. Many younger girls here are interested in joining the Girl Scouts when leaders are secured."

### Evans Joins Ohio Co-op

Herbert E. Evans, genial vice president of Consumer Distribution Corporation and frequent visitor in Greenbelt, is now in charge of personnel work for the Ohio Farm Bureau Corporation. This Ohio company is the parent organization for five cooperative groups.

While leaving his official duties with C. D. C. Mr. Evans will remain on the board of directors of the organization. C. D. C. financed the opening of Greenbelt's stores, and participated in their early operations.

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If all of us were fighting as hard as you are... who would win the war, and how soon? —P M

## Bonds and Scrap

Jack Fruchtman, manager of the Greenbelt Theater, told us the other day that the sale of War Bonds in the lobby is dropping off—or rather that it has dropped off and has hit bottom.

He knows that most Greenbelters work for the Government and that most of us are signed up for regular payroll allotments of 10 per cent towards the purchase of War Bonds, but he thinks that maybe some of us still have a few extra dollars that might better be invested in an occasional bond at the Theater than spent for goods which we might better leave unpurchased.

We were wondering if perhaps there was a mistaken impression that the Theater Bond drive was for just a short period of several weeks. It is continuing and will continue to continue. No more record weeks like the first one totaling \$700 are expected, but \$100 a week seems well within reason and within the budget of theater patrons.

Then there is the scrap drive for metal and rubber. Only driplets are coming in now, but the driplets are wanted and needed. Now that the closet and attic are cleaned out and all salvage has been turned in, you have only to watch that it is not filled again by that auto jack that became broken, Bobby's tricycle with the missing wheel, and other trivia which might be fixed someday but never are.

Take them to the Service Station.

And if you have fats and grease salvaged from the odds and ends of your cooking schedule, you can sell them at the meat counter of the Food Store.

## Your Co-op Stores: I - Finances

Your stores—the ones you own, operate, and use right here in Greenbelt—are nearing their fifth anniversary with the best financial statement yet achieved. In no year have the cooperative enterprises of this town shown an operating loss, although individual stores have dropped into the red ink occasionally. This year the net savings to be returned to you in February will be well over \$30,000.

Net savings for the nine-month period ending September 30 totalled \$24,782.57. This indicates a patronage dividend of more than 5 per cent, to be returned to you the customers on the basis of the amount you spent in purchases and services since the first of the year. This you can consider the amount which you over-charged yourself. Because you own your own stores you pay the amount back to yourself instead of letting it go to some absentee owner in New York or Chicago.

And this amount you will pay back to yourself in addition to a regular 5 per cent interest on every \$10 share of Greenbelt Consumer services stock which you have purchased.

The financial statement released at the quarterly meeting of G. C. S., October 26, showed that for the last nine-month period the Food Store had the highest net margin—\$9,600. Our theater was next with \$5,554. The Service Station cleared \$4,368, the Drug Store showed \$2,352, the Variety Store \$1,959, the Beauty Shop \$888, and the Barber Shop \$242. Only the Valet Shop operated at a loss, an amount of \$234.

Gross sales for all stores amount to \$472,183 for the first nine months of the year, as compared with \$318,558 for the same period in 1941. The Food Store contributed almost exactly half of this amount.

| STORES           | SALES       |           | SALES       |           |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
|                  | For Quarter | Ending    | Nine Months | Ending    |
| Food Store       | \$90,944    | \$83,350  | \$239,207   | \$148,862 |
| Service Station  | 10,677      | 11,983    | 35,277      | 34,573    |
| Drug Store       | 36,963      | 35,012    | 98,491      | 67,005    |
| Variety Store    | 13,902      | 13,709    | 36,380      | 19,587    |
| Barber Shop      | 1,753       | 1,731     | 4,916       | 3,482     |
| Beauty Shop      | 2,016       | 2,266     | 5,576       | 3,113     |
| Valet Shop       | 7,054       | 6,863     | 19,001      | 13,713    |
| Theater          | 13,973      | 10,723    | 34,384      | 28,224    |
| Total All Stores | \$177,282   | \$165,638 | \$473,183   | \$318,558 |

Although some of the financial sunshine is undoubtedly the result of the stores being used to maximum capacity by the increased population, an examination of expenses, overhead and margin figures shows that more efficient business methods and better selling practices have also played an important part in creating this year's large patronage return.

Total assets of Greenbelt Consumer Services on September 26 of this year were \$99,285, a third larger than the assets of \$63,936 which were shown at the end of September 1941. Greenbelters have now invested \$16,412 in capital stock.

The consumer co-ops in Greenbelt are financially sound.

## There's a Song in the Air

Greenbelt's youth is polishing up its tonsils. Greenbelt's youth is bursting into song, if we believe the news hounds. There's the Singing Chorus, made up of youngsters of the 4th grade through high school, which meets Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30, in the Auditorium. The Recreation Department is sponsoring this effort and voice tests are even given before rehearsals. Or should I say auditions are being held? No fooling; this is a grand project. I'm all in favor of more singing and less catcalling; more harmony and less dissension. A good example for the old-timers, kids.

While we're trying our A's, let's hold a note for the High School Chorus of the Community Church. It will soon begin its rehearsals for Christmas music. I'm glad that a real effort is being made to give us music for Christmas. Remember how lovely the young voices sounded last year, when the High School group went around town in trucks? Remember how they all piled out and stood under the street lamps, while Mr. Dove kept traffic away? And how people came out of their houses, leaving half-trimmed Christmas trees, as they listened to the carols? It was lovely, as lovely as the children's voices around the Community Christmas tree. Let's all sing together this Christmas, as many of us as can, and maybe we'll be able to drown out the noise of gunfire for one sweetly solemn night.

## Girl Scout Leadership.

Mrs. Lillian Mitchell, who is in charge of the Christmas music for the High School Chorus of the Community Church, also stresses the need for leaders in Girl Scout work this year. The leaders' group meets next Wednesday night, at 7:30, in the Elementary School. Every one agrees that Girl Scout work is important, particularly in wartime; why don't we have more leaders? Everything that's worthwhile takes evening now and then?

## And Furthermore—

High School P.T.A. meets Tuesday, at 8 o'clock, in the Cafeteria of the High School. All you parents get in there and find out what a Victory Corps is.

Council meets (finally!) Monday night, at 8, in the Council Room. Must be going to be an extraordinary meeting. Everybody's so quiet about it. Think I'll take Hattie over and see what's on the front burner. She's a great one for being curious about things when nobody knows what's going on.

## One Year Ago

(From Cooperator of November 7, 1941.)

The Citizens' Association voted in favor of the continuance of Greenbelt Hospital; opposed increase in salary for councilmen—Farm Security Administration set March 31, 1942, as the date for ouster of high income families—Greenbelt Consumer Services reports showed an increase in sales.—The Cooperator gave a Hallowe'en party for its staff members.

## Hebrew Congregation

The Hebrew Congregation will hold services tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the social room of the Elementary School.

Immediately after the services there will be held an important general meeting. New officers will be elected and matters of vital concern to the members will be discussed.

New residents of Greenbelt are particularly urged to attend services tonight so that they may meet and get acquainted with their neighbors.

## Community Church

"The Church, Guardian of Precious Things" will be the theme of Next Sunday morning's sermon by Rev. Wilmér Johnston at the Community Church. The subject of the children's sermon will be "The Telltale."

At 8 p.m. the Sunday Evening Society will present a sermon-lecture program "C. B. DeMille's 'The Ten Commandments'" with lantern slides. Mrs. H. Wendell Miller will be the reader, Mrs. D. Herwick will give the organ accompaniment, and Harvey Wharton will serve as operator. Rev. Johnston will preside.

In extending a special invitation to new residents of Greenbelt Rev. Johnston stressed the Church School this week, saying "The Church School belongs to the community and the entire community is invited to aid in making it the kind of school you would like." Elmer Reno is Church School superintendent, and will conduct the worship service of the senior department next Sunday. The time is 9:30.

The young people will meet Sunday evening at 7 o'clock in two sections, grade school boys and girls under the supervision of the junior department of the Church School, and the high school department under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irving and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens.

Wednesday evening the regular meeting of the board of deacons and deaconesses will be held in the social room at 7 o'clock. At 8 o'clock there will be the regular mid-week meeting led by the pastor. Choir rehearsal will be at 9 p.m.

## 3,250 Pennies Enlist

Seymore Levine, 38-B Crescent Road, surprised Postmaster George W. Bryant last Saturday when he walked into the Post Office with 3,250 pennies and a \$5 bill and asked for a \$50 defense bond.

Mr. Bryant said that although many pennies had come in so far for bonds, no one had turned in that many before.





## Place of Landlord Uncle Sam In Town Government Explained

By ANNE HULL.

One Greenbelter of fairly recent vintage said he didn't know our town had a mayor. And the mayor was complaining not long ago of the scant citizen attendance at meetings of the Town Council.

These straws in the wind helped point the way to last Monday's meeting of the Citizens' Association, where Assistant Town Manager Arthur Rysticken explained to a large and interested audience both our municipal set-up and the relation of the Federal Government to Greenbelt. Stan Ostler, association president, had on exhibit two huge wall charts showing how the town is both (a) a group of people renting from Uncle Sam, and (b) a democratic, self-governing community.

No, Mr. Recent Citizen, the Federal Government in Greenbelt is not your boss; it is your landlord. As such, it keeps on the premises people to collect its rents and maintain its grounds and dwelling places. You, Recent Citizen, nominate and elect the men who frame the laws and ordinances by which we all live together. These five persons, the town councilmen, meet twice monthly, and you are welcome to attend their sessions, which are announced ahead of time in the *Cooperator*. Our mayor is chosen from and by the group of five councilmen. Step up and say "hello" to Allen D. Morrison, for he is our present mayor. The remaining members of the present council are George Bauer, Frank Lastner, Curt Baker, and Tom Ricker.

These gentlemen supervise for your benefit a department of public safety, public health, public works, adult education and recreation; they run a library and a kindergarten. They choose a town manager to carry out their policies and to hire and fire town personnel.

Now the confusing part comes in—various Federal officials here also perform town functions. For the Federal Government Roy S. Graden is community manager. He was also chosen town manager by the council, who realized its good fortune to have on the premises a

### Civil Service

Day by day war creates in the Federal service new demands for civilians with specialized knowledge. Most recent example, the U. S. Civil Service announces, is an unprecedent need for civilian librarians in army camps, naval stations, and recruiting centers all over the country. Positions paying from \$1,260 to \$1,620 are available, and persons with from 6 to 18 semester hours of library training in approved library schools, or from 6 to 18 months of paid library experience, or from 3 to 12 months of recognized library apprenticeship are urged to apply and to take the written test.

The Commission announces also an intensified need in the U. S. Maritime Commission for additional kinds of inspectors. Before new ships can leave the ways, everything from marine paint to bed linen, from wooden galley pots to binoculars must be inspected. Latest call is for experts in paints, textiles, and general equipment to make inspections both in factories and at points of delivery. Salaries for these specific inspectors start at \$2,600 a year.

### Classified Ads

**LOST**—If your child mysteriously acquired a toy wheelbarrow this week, please call 5527 to see if it is the one missing from the Nursery School playground.

**BARBER WANTED**—Greenbelt Barber Shop in need of barber for afternoon and or evening work. Apply G. C. S. office over Drug Store.

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| Eat only    | 2 1/2 lbs. meat per week        |  |
| Keep only   | 5 best tires sell rest to U. S. |  |

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Drawn for OWI

### Wholesale Manager Urges Extension of Rationing

Problems of cooperative grocery wholesaling were discussed Monday by Leslie Woodcock, manager of Eastern Cooperative Wholesale and seven representatives from Greenbelt Consumer Services—Dayton Hull, Tessim Zorach, Comly Richey, B. Hawkins, Donald Herwick, James Mathers and Waldo Mott.

As a part of what he termed "circuit riding," Mr. Woodcock was visiting managers and directors of consumer cooperative stores in the Washington area. After picturing the effect of new government regulations on the wholesale activities of cooperative enterprises he pleaded for support in asking more complete rationing for goods now difficult to obtain. In this respect he pointed out prospective shortages. Other matters given attention included the new E. C. W. warehouses in Philadelphia, transportation problems, and the financial situation for co-ops in this area.

## Transportation Exchange

### PASSENGERS WANTED

I can take four to vicinity of Navy Yard, 11th street gate, leaving Greenbelt 6:45 a.m. and leaving Navy Yard 4 p.m. J. H. Moon, 8-E Plateau Road.

### DRIVERS WANTED

One or two car owners needed to join driving club to Navy Department, 17th and Connecticut Ave. Hours are 8 to 4:30. Phone 3487.

One more driver for pool to vicinity of 24th and M streets NW. Leave Greenbelt about 8 a. m.; leave Washington about 5:30 p. m. See Mr. Wilbur, 40-E Crescent Road.

### RIDES WANTED

To vicinity of 13th and Pennsylvania Ave.; hours 8 to 4:30. Call phone 5311 or REPUBLIC 7400, ext. 4317; 14-W Ridge Road. Rides wanted.

To Penagon Building. John R. McGee, 1-F Parkway, or call Penagon extension 73956.

# "---Your Net Savings, \$24,782.57"

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Greenbelt:

The end of the year will be here before we know it. As you know you are eligible to share in the savings (profits) of the Greenbelt Stores in proportion to the amount of cash register slips you have saved during the year. Of course, to be entitled to this return on your purchases you must own at least one share in the cooperative. If you do not own a share you may purchase one in the Greenbelt Consumer Services office over the Drug Store. The purchase of a share has been made quite easy in view of the fact you do not have to pay the full purchase price of a share at one time. We might add for your information, that your cooperative pays 5 per cent on shares and this in itself makes it a worth-while investment.

The Greenbelt Stores are doing a thriving business this year. This being evident by not only a tremendous increase in sales but also a very good savings (profits). The first nine months of 1942 your Stores have earned a net amount of \$24,782.57. This in itself shall represent a patronage saving return of 5 per cent on all of your purchases.

To be sure, we have many difficulties to contend with, principally because of War Time conditions. We are faced with the problems of inadequate space, shortages in many lines of merchandise and experienced personnel. Your Board and Management of Greenbelt Consumer Services are fully aware of all these conditions and you can rest assured that we are making every effort possible to correct them.

New equipment has been purchased and installed in the Beauty Shop and the Food Store. Additional new equipment has been ordered for the Food Store and your Drug Store is going to be revamped so that it will be possible to serve you better.

We ask you to bear with us during these trying times, and we are sure that with the mutual cooperation of everyone, your Cooperative will continue to grow, serve you efficiently, and save you a considerable amount of money.

Sincerely yours,

The Board of Directors and Management.

# GREENBELT CONSUMER SERVICES, Inc.